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Vietnam Demonstrations: Preparations are under way in at least twenty countries for demonstrations next weekend against the US role in Vietnam.

The demonstrations, paralleling those scheduled in the US, will be in response to an appeal by the World Congress on Vietnam which met in Stockholm last summer. The Congress, inspired by Lord Russell, was a gathering of diverse pacifists, professional peace agitators, and Communists. The organizations sponsoring the forthcoming demonstrations are similarly inclined, and Communist influence is in some cases marked. In Belgium, for example, the preparations are in the hands of a Communist-controlled committee, and in Italy the Communists are calling for rallies throughout the country.

So far, it appears that most of the demonstrations in Western Europe will attract their main support from the pacifist, leftist, and student groups which customarily respond to anti-American appeals. In Japan, however, Sohyo, the trade union organization, the Communists, and the Socialists are planning joint demonstrations. These groups can put impressive numbers in the streets. Among the Communist countries, plans for demonstrations have so far been reported from Hungary and Cuba.

Although there is [redacted] direct Communist participation in the preparations in several countries, the coordination among sponsoring groups, where it exists, is loose and informal. Such ties exist between some of the elements in the US planning to demonstrate and those in the UK and elsewhere. [redacted]

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Yemen: As the Egyptian evacuation proceeds, the position of President Sallal is growing precarious.

Although Sallal appears to retain the allegiance of major republican groups, including that of the Shaykh of the powerful Hashid confederation, the composition of the new cabinet he formed on 12 October does not reflect wide support. Sallal kept the key positions of prime minister and foreign minister, and many of the remaining ministers are from the south. This may indicate that Sallal is trying to consolidate his support in that area, perhaps anticipating that the royalists will retake most of northern Yemen once the Egyptians leave.

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Meanwhile, the tripartite committee on Yemen established at the Khartoum Conference has concluded its work with a recommendation that in effect leaves settlement of the Yemen problem up to the Yemenis.

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